

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)	
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR AN ORDER)	
REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO)	
EXTEND THE SURCHARGE ADDED TO)	CASE NO. 9225
THE RATES AND CHARGES OF)	
PHELPS GAS COMPANY)	

O R D E R

On February 14, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this Case granting an extension of the surcharge of Phelps Gas Company ("Phelps") as requested by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"). By letter dated April 22, 1985, Phelps informed the Commission that it had not placed the surcharge into effect as required and sought permission to employ an alternate payment plan that would not require a surcharge.

On June 7, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this case removing Phelps' surcharge from customers' bills until September 30, 1985. The Order required the filing of copies of invoices from and payments to Columbia and set a hearing for September 5, 1985, to review Phelps' payment efforts.

Phelps filed copies of invoices and payments showing that its unpaid balance with Columbia had been reduced at a rate of approximately \$1,000 per month from \$24,844.88 in March 1985 to \$17,982.69 in August 1985. The Commission cancelled the September 5, 1985, hearing. Williams S. Howard, Attorney for Phelps, in a

letter filed with the Commission on September 13, 1985, stated that Phelps had paid the balance down to a figure of less than \$1,200.00 and that the balance would be paid in not more than two additional monthly installments. Mr. Howard requested that the suspensions of the surcharge be extended from September 30, 1985, to November 30, 1985. Columbia has not objected to this extension.

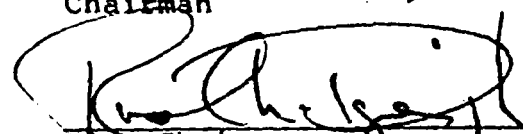
After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the surcharge should be suspended until November 30, 1985.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Phelps' previously authorized surcharge shall be removed from customers' bills until November 30, 1985.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of October, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary